

(4) The annual salary of the assistant State's Attorneys shall be within the discretion of the State's Attorney, but may not exceed ~~[\$90,000]~~ \$100,000. The salaries are to be paid by the county on the certification of the State's Attorney to the County Executive and County Council.

(5) The deputy State's Attorneys and the assistant State's Attorneys, except in connection with their duties as deputy State's Attorneys and assistant State's Attorneys, may not appear as counsel or represent any party professionally before any court, board, commission or agency of this State or any county or political subdivision of this State. The deputy State's Attorneys and assistant State's Attorneys may not engage in the private practice of law, but may participate in the pro bono program administered by the Prince George's County Bar Foundation.

(6) The deputy State's Attorneys and the assistant State's Attorneys shall perform whatever work as may be directed by the State's Attorney, or as authorized by law, and under the direction of the State's Attorney may present cases to the grand juries, sign indictments and criminal informations, and perform whatever other acts and duties in relation to the grand juries and in the operation of the office as are necessary and proper.

(7) The State's Attorney may appoint an administrative assistant to serve at the pleasure of the State's Attorney. The annual salary of the administrative assistant shall be within the discretion of the State's Attorney, but may not exceed ~~[\$56,000]~~ \$59,000. The salary is to be paid by the county on the certification of the State's Attorney to the County Executive and County Council. The administrative assistant is not subject to the rules and regulations of the county merit system, but shall be entitled to all benefits provided for county employees under the merit system.

(8) The salary and expenses of the State's Attorney, the deputy State's Attorneys, and the assistant State's Attorneys shall be paid in equal semimonthly installments.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2003.

Approved May 13, 2003.

CHAPTER 337

(House Bill 893)

AN ACT concerning

Department of the Environment - Open-Pit Strip Mining - Application for Permit

FOR the purpose of requiring the Department of the Environment to review an application for an open-pit mining permit in a timely manner; requiring the Department to take a certain action for a permit within certain time periods for a new permit, certain permit revisions, or a certain ~~updated~~ revised application;